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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,010,000 head as of May 1, 2009. This latest inventory is down 3 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during April 2009. This was 7 percent above March 2009 marketings of 155,000 head, but no change from a year ago. An estimated 150,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 9 percent below a month ago but 30 percent above April 2008 placements of 115,000. Of the number placed in April, 13 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 20 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 40 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 15,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 5,000 from the same time last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million head, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 7 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during April, 8 percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.